

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL AND
RIDGECREST REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**City Council Chambers
100 West California Avenue
Ridgecrest, California 93555**

**February 21, 2007
6:00 p.m.**

**Tape Recorded
Tape 06-03**

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CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Marshall Holloway, Mayor Pro Tem Steven Morgan, Vice Mayor Thomas Wiknich and Council Member Daniel Clark

ABSENT: Council Member Ronald Carter

STAFF: Michael Avery, Assistant City Manager//Chief of Police; Rachel J. Rumbo, Deputy City Clerk; Jim McRea, Community and Economic Development Department Director, Speers, Public Works Department Director; Joe Pollock, Assistant Public Works Director; Jim Ponek, Parks and Recreation Department Director; and other personnel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Council Member Morgan

INVOCATION – Revered Ed Snyder, Inyokern Baptist Church

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Clark added presentation by Elks Lodge.

Assistant City Manager Avery removed Item 2 for further discussion.

Moved by Council Member Wiknich, seconded by Council Member Clark TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH ADDITION OF PRESENTATION ITEM. No

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public comment. Carried with a voice vote of 4 ayes, 1 absent; Council Member Carter absent.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation – CHAMPS Program

Chief Avery gave introduction about the program.

Officer Aaron Miller made a slide presentation to Council and the public on the C.H.A.M.P.S. (Choosing Healthy Alternative and Methods Promoting Success) Program. C.H.A.M.P.S. was established in 2005/2006 when the current program, D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) lost funding from a grant provided by the Federal Government. When the D.A.R.E. Program ceased to exist, a new program or curriculum needed to be established to provide the schools a way of introducing the dangers of using alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and inhalants.

Council and Public were given an opportunity to ask questions and receive answers from Officer Miller.

Added item

Presentation – Elks Presentation Of Check To Arts Council

\$500 check presented to Council from Ridgecrest Elks. Annual Crab Crack was announced for Friday, February 23rd and Respect for Law dinner will be held on March 30th.

Council Member Clark thanked the Elks organization and encouraged the public to support the Ridgecrest Arts Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Debbie Hess, Southern California Edison. SCE Energy Efficiency Partnership update handout presented to Council. Partnership meets the 4th Wednesday of each month and public is invited to attend.
- Walt Mower spoke on Burroughs students call for more discipline. Parents not the City are responsible for student conduct. An action committee objective is to provide jobs for young people but is concerned about equal opportunity for all youth. Request City match job seeking youth with employers and contact the Mitchell family for their offered help.

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- Nellavan Jeglum announced search for youth talent to participate in annual talent show.
- Michael Neal, Braden Street congratulated police department for their pro-active work with youth against drugs and alcohol. Asked the community to stand against public sale of psychedelic drug in our City.
- Mark Ball 145 W Howell. Asked for review of ordinance pertaining to removal of non-conforming signs. Specifically height requirement. Mr. Ball is the Sierra Vista property manager and ordinance didn't allow for grandfathering of preexisting signs. Asks again the ordinance be amended. Moving signs are outlawed by municipal code and several are in town, technology improvements have made this provision obsolete. Mayor referred the matter to City Organization committee.
- Travis Connelly, 2417 M Street Bakersfield, new Boy Scout Representative for the Inyo/Mono District including Ridgecrest. Gave brief presentation about the district to Council. Business card presented to council and clerk. Friends of Scouting Campaign supporting several camps in the area for local troops. Asking Council to donate money for scouting program and assist with raising the fund drive goal for Friends of Scouting Campaign. \$5,000 requested.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item removed for discussion

2. Resolution No. 07- , A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Approving Contract Change Order 1 For Community Development Block Grant Activities 17.01.1 And 17.05.1 Pollock

This project consists of construction/reconstruction of road improvements on Upjohn Avenue from Sunset to Norma, Wilson Avenue from Sunset to Norma, Church Avenue from Sunset to Norma and on Sunset Street from Upjohn to Wilson. The contract was awarded to Maverick Construction in the amount of \$314,093.00. The improvements consist of curb, gutter, and pavement reconstruction and in some locations sidewalk. During the plan preparation process it became necessary to cut some improvements that would normally be provided due to budgetary constraints. One of these was the 4' wide sidewalk on the east side of Sunset Street from Upjohn Avenue to Wilson Avenue. The estimated cost of these improvements is \$37,400.00.

With completion of the Mahan Street, Reeves Avenue and Graaf Avenue projects it was determined that the actual construction cost was \$23,337.10 less than the contract amount. It is proposed that this \$23,337.10 be applied to construction of

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the sidewalk in question on Sunset Street with the remaining balance being funded by local funds such as Proposition 42 funds.

3. **Resolution No. 07-13, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving Contract Change Order No. 2, To The Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade With Special Service Contractors, Inc.** **Speer**

This resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute Change Order No. 2 with Special Service Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$39,914.56 for changes in work site conditions and authorizes all necessary budget allocations and adjustments. This change will result in an amended contract amount of \$1,501,662.55.

4. **Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of February 7, 2007** **Gable**

5. **Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated February 2, 2007 In The Amount Of \$404,424.67** **Winegardner**

6. **Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated February 2, 2007 In The Amount Of \$18,162.70** **Winegardner**

Item no. 2 removed for discussion.

Moved by Council Member Wiknich, second Council Member Clark TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR WITH ITEM 3 REMOVED. No public comment heard. Carried with a voice vote of 4 ayes, 1 absent; Council Member Carter absent.

2. **Resolution No. 07-12, A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Approving Contract Change Order 1 For Community Development Block Grant Activities 17.01.1 And 17.05.1** **Pollock**

Joe Pollock gave overview of dollar amount changes for the cost of improvements as \$23,360 that came in from the contractor Tuesday. The Mahan Street, Graaf and Reeves Avenues projects cost were \$23,337.10 less than the contract amount. The request is to apply the \$23,337.10 to construction of the sidewalk on east side of Sunset Street between Upjohn Avenue and Wilson Avenue which would normally have been done and was not included in the original project due to budgetary constraints set by available CDBG funding.

Moved by Council Member Clark, second Council Member Wiknich TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 07-12, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER 1 FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACTIVITIES 17.01.1 AND

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17.05.1 AS AMENDED. No public comment. Carried with a voice vote of 4 ayes, 1 absent; Council Member Carter absent.

CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

Assistant City Manager Avery gave report of Brown Act review regarding Dan Clark's appointment be changed to Quality Of Life Committee and Steven Morgan's move to Community Development. Mr. Morgan concedes to serve on the CED committee.

Changes will be made to the Committee rosters by the City Clerk and responsible Department

He also reported that retired Ridgecrest Police Office John Lovegren passed away over the weekend.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

None

COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Community Development Committee

Members: Chip Holloway, Dan Clark, Jerry Taylor, Nellavan Jeglum

Meetings: 1st Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m.; Council Conference Room

Next meeting to be announced (changed from March 1) TO WHEN???

Morgan suggested twice a month meeting for the first few months to finish several projects. Dan Clark has been replaced by Steve Morgan

City Organization and Services Committee

Members: Chip Holloway, Tom Wiknich, Mike Biddlingmeier, Lois Beres

Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m.; Council Conference Room

Next meeting March 8

Parks, Recreation and Quality of Life Committee

Members: Ron Carter, Jerry Taylor, Howard Laire

Meetings: 4th Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m.; Kerr-McGee Center

Next meeting February 22

Mr. Clark gave agenda outline of upcoming meeting.

Infrastructure Committee

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Members: Steven Morgan, Tom Wiknich, Lois Beres, Nellavan Jeglum

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m., Council Conference Room

Member Steven Morgan gave report. Committee met February 12 and reviewed the following:

- Active projects for Ridgecrest
- STIP program through County of Kern
- Matching funds unavailable so we dropped out and are currently trying to reallocate matching funds for 2009
- Street sweeper needed and will be conversation for budget
- Solid Waste Ad Hoc Committee was discussed
- Past committee did not accomplish tasks to the will of current committee
- Ad Hoc has been eliminated and efforts will be addressed by Infrastructure Committee including length of life remaining on current Kern County Landfill.
- Meeting time changed to 4:30pm and Member Tom Wiknich is Chair of Committee

Next meeting March 13

Activate Community Talents and Interventions For Optimal Neighborhoods Task Force (ACTION)

Members: Ron Carter, Dan Clark

Meetings: second Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m., Council Conference Room

Next meeting March 12 – a Town Hall meeting will be April 9.

RACVB

Council Member

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Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of the month, 8:00 a.m., RACVB Office

Next meeting to be announced

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

Council Member Clark - Arts Council next Wednesday, February 28. 5:30pm

Nellavan Jeglum asked staff to contact Tom Wiknich with correct meetings and times.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Dan Clark

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- Thanked Elks and Bingo team for their assistance in raising money for arts council.
- Action committee is communication model with stakeholders - schools, neighborhood watch, police and community
- 4.1 million being spent in Kern County for gang suppression - we are prepared to spend money as needed to make our community safe, asked community to be there with a positive approach to share your ideas with the committee
- Town Hall meeting April 9
- Jobs in the community are the primary success in gang suppression
- Hope through jobs with money raised through business and donations
- City intent is not to give jobs to lowest income level, but to keep our kids safe.

Tom Wiknich

- Sister visiting from Cleveland Ohio to celebrate his marriage to Shannon

Steve Morgan

- Announced that in near future will be advertising “Dinner With Council Member Morgan” night
- A time for the community to meet with him and discuss community concerns
- Will announce the date and time via local media.

Chip Holloway

- Well wishes to Council Member Carter who was recently hospitalized but is home resting
- Assemblywoman Fuller will be speaking at the Republic Women's luncheon noon on Friday February 23 – is encouraging Vo-Tech education.
- March 2 Chamber of Commerce meeting at Carriage Inn with Congressman McCarthy
- BRAC update. No new official business plan submitted, only rumors
- Will be away in Washington DC next week to meet with Congressman Brody
- Purpose of realigning committees was to take work load off staff and increase efficiency. Thanked the members who served on deleted committees and thanked public who attend Council meetings and participate in Council activity
- General Plan Update coming and public encouraged to get involved.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Holloway adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Rachel J. Rumbo, Deputy City Clerk